

FIREFIGHTER

(Competitive Class)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

The class of Firefighter comprises entrance level positions in the firefighting division of fire department operations. Employees of this class perform firefighting and fire suppression tasks such as controlling and extinguishing fires, forcible entry, first response and rescue, and salvage and overhaul. Firefighters receive extensive training in fire suppression and rescue techniques through formal classroom training, drills and evolutions, and on-the-job supervision. Employees of this class maintain fire department equipment, building, and grounds. Firefighters perform their duties and responsibilities under close supervision and direction from a Fire Captain. The class of Firefighter ranks directly below that of Fire Equipment Operator.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Performs firefighting tasks such as connecting, carrying, and operating hose lines; directing fire streams; forcible entry; ventilation; and using ladders, lines, and other specialized equipment. Performs rescue and first responder tasks, including removing fire and accident victims to safety, and administering first aid and emergency care, as necessary. Reads haz-mat symbols to identify flammable or hazardous materials. Acts to contain or control the spread of hazardous materials. Performs tasks in salvage and overhaul using appropriate tools, equipment, and supplies. Participates in fire cause determination, and informs superior officer of suspected arson. May be required to drive and operate fire apparatus in the absence of the Fire Equipment Operator.

Participates in assigned training drills or in-service training. Reads and studies firefighting training materials on an individual basis and keeps up to date on pertinent information related to firefighting. Studies basic laws and regulations, and revisions or updates of basic laws. Learns and maintains proficiency in safety procedures for special emergencies. Learns and recognizes hazmat symbols. Studies direct routes, location of streets, water mains, and hydrants in station area.

Cleans, dries, tests, inspects, and properly secures any assigned firefighting equipment such as fire apparatus,

communications equipment, hoses, hand tools, portable breathing apparatus, turn-out equipment, ladders, or related equipment. Performs periodic tests of apparatus pumping capacity and pressure. Makes minor repairs to equipment and tools. Maintains inventory of tools and

equipment on apparatus using checklist or knowledge of equipment.

Performs tasks necessary for the proper maintenance of fire station and grounds such as cleaning floors and windows, emptying trash cans, changing bed linens, and mowing grass. Inspects fire station and notifies officer in charge of needed repairs. Assist in preparing meals for firefighters at the station and cleans kitchen area. Provides for the security of the station by locking station doors and securing valuable items.

Performs public relations duties such as calming excited citizens at an emergency scene, receiving and responding to questions from the public, and providing information to the public concerning the work of the fire department. Conducts fire station tours and explains fire equipment and firefighting techniques to visiting public. Works with local youth groups and other community groups, delivering lectures or demonstrations on fire prevention or fire safety.

Assists in pre-fire planning for industrial and commercial structures and residential areas. Assists in drawing preplanning maps and diagrams. Updates hydrant maps and vital building books.

Performs related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements listed below must be met before the filing deadline for application for admission to the test.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States.

After offer of employment, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a physical examination, the selection and administration of which shall be authorized by the Appointing Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without accommodation.

Must present documentation indicating, at a minimum, that the applicant has met the minimum high school graduation requirements necessary to receive a high school diploma as established by the state of Louisiana Board of Elementary and

Secondary Education. Such documentation shall include at least one of the following: high school diploma, high school transcript, certificate of equivalency, affidavit from the issuing high school, college diploma, or college transcript, any one of which must indicate that graduation has occurred or a degree awarded. A certification of completion shall not be sufficient to substitute for certification of graduation.

Must not be less than eighteen (18) years of age.

Must possess a valid driver's license.

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